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# H. R. 664

To amend title 49, United States Code, relating to the installation of  
emergency locator transmitters on aircraft.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1997

Mr. SHAYS (for himself, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mrs. JOHNSON of  
Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut) intro-  
duced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Trans-  
portation and Infrastructure

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Airplane Emergency  
5       Locator Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) On December 24, 1996, a plane piloted by  
2       Johan Schwartz and Patrick Hayes disappeared  
3       near Lebanon, New Hampshire.

4           (2) An extensive search was conducted by the  
5       States of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont,  
6       New York, Maine, and Massachusetts, in coopera-  
7       tion with the Federal Government, in an unsucces-  
8       ful effort to locate the plane and any survivors.

9           (3) The plane was not required under law to  
10      carry an emergency locator transmitter.

11          (4) Emergency locator transmitters have been  
12      found to be very helpful in locating downed aircraft  
13      and saving lives.

14   **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENT.**

15      Section 44712(b) of title 49, United States Code, is  
16   amended—

17          (1) by striking all after “apply to” other than  
18      paragraph (4);

19          (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of  
20      paragraph (4) and inserting a period; and

21          (3) by moving the text of paragraph (4) after  
22      “apply to” and striking the paragraph designation.

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